not appear to have been followed to-day. I see on the Treasury Benches, the hon. Member Sri T. Prakasam, the former Chief Minister. May I know whether he has been taken into the Cabinet, which we would all welcome? May I know whether it is a fact that he has been included in the Cabinet?"

Mr. SPEAKER :—"Is it a point of order?"

Sri C. V. K. RAO :—"On a point of order, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"Is it a point of order to the point of order raised by the hon. Member?"

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, necessary information will be given in due course" (Laughter.)

Sri C. V. K. RAO :—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know if comfortable arrangements could be made as far as sitting accommodation is concerned for the too old gentleman now adorning the Treasury Benches."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"It is not a point of order."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—"Sir, on a point of information, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"Let him come to my Chamber. He can get the information."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—"Some paper has been laid on my table and I do not know what it is. It is printed in Hindi."

Mr. SPEAKER :—"Let the hon. Member pass it on to the Secretary."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* THE ARREST OF SRI C. N. ANNADURAI AND FOUR OTHERS.

Mr. SPEAKER :—"I have received a number of adjournment motions to discuss matters of urgent public importance. There is a motion given notice of by the hon. Member Sri P. Rangasamy Reddiar. The motion is—

'That the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely—

"the arrest of Sri C. N. Annadurai and four others belonging to the Dravidian Progressive Federation on 13th July 1953 without any justifiable cause."'

"I would like to know from the hon. Member how this comes under the rules regarding adjournment motions and how it is urgent and of public importance?"

* Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—"Mr. Speaker, Sir, only yesterday evening, Mr. C. N. Annadurai and four others of the Dravidian Progressive Federation were arrested at about

7-15 p.m. They were to stage a demonstration before the Hon. the Chief Minister's house in order to show their protest and the protest of the people. . . .''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' How does this motion come under the rules? It relates to the day-to-day administration of Government.''

* SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—'' Arrests are not day-to-day occurrences.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Is it the intention of the hon. Member that nobody could be arrested by Government and that if arrested, motions could be brought in that so and so should not be arrested? ''

* SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—'' It is not that, Sir. Arrests are not day-to-day occurrences and this kind of arrest is not part of the daily administration of the Government. Those arrested wanted to stage some demonstration before the Hon. the Chief Minister's house peacefully, and within their legitimate rights. Before the demonstration was staged, they were arrested yesterday itself and it has created some sensation.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Can he not go to the Court? Is this House a court? If he has been arrested in violation of any law, he can go to court and get redress.''

* SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—'' Sir, the whole question is this. They were not allowed to stage the demonstration to-day. Even yesterday itself they were arrested.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' But there is another way and they can get redress through a court. The Leader of the Opposition wants to say something. Let me know what he has to say.''

* SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not a question whether a particular individual has a right to go to a court or not. The question raised now is one which is exercising the mind of the public. It is not an ordinary arrest. And since it is a matter involving the interest of the public at large. . . .''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Is this a court to go into the merits of the question? ''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' This House is not a court but this House has certainly got a right, I feel, to go into the question of the policy of the Government behind this action, behind this kind of arrest. It is an arrest for no disobedience of any law which has been enforced but an arrest on the basis of an apprehension that somebody may at some time do something which may be against the law thus depriving the liberty of the person. Under these circumstances this is a question on which this House has a right to exercise its powers and express its views. The motion seeks to discuss the whole policy of the Government, the policy of repression directed against any attempt to protest against the policies of the Government promulgated without consulting the House . . .''

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" If it is intended to discuss the policy of the Government, let the hon. Member bring in a separate motion for discussing the policy of the Government and censuring them."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" This covers certain other things also. It is a question of repression of the people by the Government, taking away the fundamental rights of the ordinary people of this country who want to make some sort of protest against the policy of the Government and who want to exercise their right of protest against such policy. This is thwarted by the action of the Government. This is a question which touches the interest of the public at large, the right to protest. The Government are trying to completely scotch the very right. This is what is at stake. Therefore, I feel that this question must be discussed and it must be allowed."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Now I want to give my ruling straightway . . ."

* Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I have also given notice of a motion on the same lines."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Yes, the hon. Member has also given notice of a similar motion. The motion is—

'That the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely :—

" the gravity of the situation arising out of the arrest and detention of Sri C. N. Annadurai and other leaders of the Dravidian Progressive Federation ".'

" I will give rulings on all of them."

* Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, it cannot be denied that the arrest of Mr. Annadurai, the leader and four others of the Dravidian Progressive Federation is of recent occurrence and . . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" But how does that come under the rules . . . ? "

* Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" It cannot also be denied that it is a matter of public importance. Here are leaders who have got a very large following of the masses. They have been shaping the views of the masses, and they are revered by them. This everybody knows. It cannot be said that it is the policy of the Government to go on arresting people *en masse* and then keep them under detention. If there is a proper Government, it will not permit the arrest of persons without proper warrants."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is discussing the merits of the case. Let him convince me how this comes under the rules."

* Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I am only submitting it to the Speaker how this motion comes under the rules, how this

motion satisfies all the requirements of the rule, namely, that it must be of recent occurrence, it must be of public importance and must not come under the day-to-day administration of the Government.''

Mr. Speaker :—'' Is it the contention of the hon. Member that when anybody is arrested a motion should be brought here for the adjournment of the House? Is that the hon. Member's conception of the rule? ''

* Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—'' My conception of the rule is this. It must be urgent, it must be of public importance and it must not be a matter which comes under the day-to-day administration of the Government. I am satisfied that the motion satisfies all these requirements. I, therefore, submit that the arrest of the leader and fifty others of the Dravidian Progressive Federation is not a matter which the Government are entitled to deal with as a matter of course. The entire South is fomenting and fermenting because these leaders have been arrested . . .''

Mr. Speaker :—'' I have heard the hon. Member's arguments. Let me give my ruling . . . ''

Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—'' I have also given notice of a similar motion.''

Mr. Speaker :—'' I received all these motions as I was about to leave my Chamber. I have not gone through them.''

Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—'' I may be given only a minute to speak on the motion given notice of by me, Sir. Regarding this motion I want to submit to the House only one point. The arrest of the leader, Sri Annadurai, is a definite matter of public importance to be discussed here. It is of public importance because his arrest was in connexion with the demonstration procession proposed to be taken out by him along with his followers to show their protest against the new policy of the Government, the introduction of the new scheme of elementary education and staging of a demonstration before the Hon. the Chief Minister's house. Therefore it is very important. It is also urgent for this reason. The arrests were made only yesterday evening at 7 p.m. There was no time for the Members of the Assembly to bring the matter earlier before the House. The Assembly met only at 11 o'clock to-day and the arrests were made yesterday evening. Therefore, now only is the proper time to move the matter before the House. Therefore I submit that this motion refers to a definite matter of public importance and it is urgent also. I therefore request that it may be allowed.''

Sri A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நேற்றைய தினம் தி.மு.க. செயலாளர் அறிஞர் அண்ணாத்துரை அவர்களையும், அவர்களுடைய தோழர்களையும் சிறைபடுத்திய சமயத்தில் நான் பக்கத்திலே இருந்தேன். போலீஸ் கமிஷனர் அவர்களும், உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களும் எவ்வித சம்மனும் சர்வு பண்ணாமலேயே திடீரென்று, 'அரெஸ்ட் செய்திருக்கிறோம்; புறப்படுங்கள்', என்று சொன்னார்கள்,

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இந்த நாட்டிலே மக்கள் தங்களுடைய கருத்துக்களை எடுத்துரைக்க வழியில்லை. அரசாங்கம் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கிற ஆரம்பக் கல்வி திட்டத்தால் ‘ குலத் தொழில் கல்வித் திட்டத்தால் பல கெடுதல்கள் ஏற்படப் போகின்றது, ஏற்பட்டுவிட்டது, இது வர்ணாச்ரம தர்மத்தை ஆதரிப்பதாக இருக்கின்றது ’ என்பதை எடுத்துக் கூறுவதற்கு முதல் மந்திரியார் வீட்டுக்கு அருகிலே கூட்டமாகப் போய், சாத்வீகமாக தங்களுடைய குறைகளைச் சொல்வதற்குள்ளாகவே, இவ்விதமாக அரெஸ்ட் செய்யப்பட்டதைக் கண்டு ஆச்சரியப்படுகின்றேன், வருந்துகின்றேன். முன் கூட்டியே அவர்களைச் சிறைப்படுத்தியதானது இந்த அரசாங்கத்தினுடைய கோழைத்தனமான போக்கைத்தான் காட்டுகின்றது.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' இது எப்படி ‘ **adjournment motion** ’ல் வரும் என்று சொல்லுங்கள்.''

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—'' இன்றைய தினம் இது ரொம்பவும் ‘ Public importance ’ ஆக இருக்கிறது. அறிஞர் அண்ணாத்துரையை சிறைபடுத்தியிருக்கின்ற ஒரு செய்தியைக் கேட்டதும் தமிழ் நாட்டில் எத்தகைய குழப்பமும் கிளர்ச்சியும் ஏற்படும் என்பதை நாளைய தினம், நாளை மறு தினம் பொறுத்துப் பாருங்கள். அறிஞர் அண்ணாத்துரையை இன்றே விடுதலை செய்யாவிட்டால் நாளை அரசாங்கத்திற்கே ஆபத்து ஏற்படும் என்பதைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன். அது மட்டுமல்ல. இன்றைக்கு தோழியர் சததியவாணி முத்து என்கிற ஒன்பது மாத கர்ப்பிணியாகிய அம்மையாரையும் சிறைப்படுத்தியிருக்கின்றார் கனம் ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியார் என்பதைக் கேட்க வருத்தப்படுகின்றேன், வேதனைப்படுகிறேன். இது சமுதாயத்திற்கே இழுக்காகும். ஆகவே இது அவசரத் தீர்மானமாகும்.''

(Some persons in the visitors' gallery clapped their hands.)

MR. SPEAKER :—'' I want the vistors' gallery should be cleared.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' I would like to make a submission. The people there may not know the procedure in the Assembly. I think it is very necessary that the Chair exercises a certain amount of discretion and should not ask those people to go away.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Will the hon. Member take the responsibility that they will not clap again? ''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' They may be told that they should not clap hands.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Out of respect for the Leader of the Opposition, I will allow the visitors to remain.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have raised the question whether this House can discuss the arrest of a number of people which take place normally. Nobody can say that this House can discuss the arrests of the hundreds of people that are taking place in the normal course of things. It may be seen that nobody brings in adjournment motions on the arrests of hundreds and thousands of people that are made day in and day out in this country. Members of the House, at least on this side of the House, are aware that adjournment motions can be moved only on particular occasions. Here it is not an ordinary arrest. This is

an arrest of a public man for a public cause and this is a particular case. Of course, we are not interested in securing his release. That is a question which can be taken up in the court. What we are concerned with is that it will have repurcussions on the general public and since it is connected with public affairs, it is going to create and provoke further bitterness of the people and as a result affect the maintenance of peaceful atmosphere in this State. It is to carry on a peaceful agitation against the policy of the Government that this question was raised and this is a matter of definite public importance and urgency. That is why I request the Speaker to use his discretion in favour of the adjournment motion and allow a full-dress discussion on the whole question.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' This comes under 'day-to-day administration'. The gentleman who has been arrested has a remedy; he can go to the court. It cannot become the subject matter of an adjournment motion in this House. I rule it out of order.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' I wish to make a submission. As a matter of fact the adjournment motion to discuss the new educational policy of the Government was handed over to you before 10-30 a.m.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' But we had a meeting of the leaders of parties. I had no time to go through the motion. Some more hon. Members have also given notice of similar motions. I had no time to go through them. I shall take them up tomorrow.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' I request the Speaker just to give us an opportunity to say a few words on the question before he comes to a final decision on that.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' I have not taken up the question. We must follow certain rules in all these matters. I have great regard for the Leader of the Opposition. There is nothing before the House now for him to speak.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' My submission to the Chair is that we have been deprived of an opportunity to discuss the question to-day itself. It is a very urgent matter. Apart from that, we feel very strongly on this question.''

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—'' தலைவர் அவர்களே, ஆரம்பக் கல்வி விஷயத்தில் முதல் மந்திரி கனம் ராஜாஜி அவர்கள் கொண்டுவந்திருக்கும் திருத்தமானது மக்களுக்கு கேடு விளைவிக்கக்கூடிய வகையில் இருப்பதை அறிவுறுத்தவே அறிஞர் அண்ணா மறியல் செய்வதாக இருந்தார். மறியல் செய்வதற்குமுன் அவரைக் கைது செய்தது வருந்தத்தக்க விஷயம். அதைப்பற்றி உடனே விசாரிக்கவேண்டும்.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' அது உங்கள் இஷ்டமா? அந்த விஷயத்தைப் பற்றியே இப்பொழுது விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளாதபோது அதைப் பற்றிப் பேசுவதில் என்ன பிரயோசனம். நாளைக்கு நீங்கள் பேசுங்கள். இது விஷயத்தை நாளைக்கு நான் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.''

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Sri K. SUBBA REDDI :—" అధ్యక్షా, నేను నిన్న ఒక చాలా ముఖ్యమైనటువంటి amendment పంపించాను. అది చాలా ముఖ్యమైనటువంటిది. ఎందువల్లనంటే . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I had no time to go through it . . ."

Sri K. SUBBA REDDI :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఇది అత్యవసరమైనటువంటిది. ఈ రోజున అక్కడ వందలాది వ్యవసాయదారులు . . ."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Order, order. I had no time to go through these motions this morning. I shall take up the adjournment motions tomorrow. I have called the Leader of the Opposition to speak."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Just a point of information, Sir, lest my conduct and the conduct of others should be misconstrued. We mean no disrespect to the Speaker's ruling; we feel strongly on this question and we propose to record our protest against the entire policy of the Government and their failure to consult this House. Since the Government have acted unilaterally without consulting this House, at the very first opportunity we want to register our protest and the protest of the people of this country whom we represent by walking out of the House."

(Then Sri P. Ramamurthi followed by some hon. Members walked out of the House.) 12-20 p.m.

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, on behalf of the Toilers' Party I wish to voice forth our protest against the arrest by the Government of big leaders like Mr. Annadurai by walking out of the House for a few minutes."

Then, all T.N.T. Members led by Sri V. R. Nagarajan walked out of the House.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE ANDHRA STATE BILL, 1953.

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission I beg to move—

' *This House recommends that the Andhra State Bill,* 1953, *be introduced in Parliament.*' "

* Sri VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Andhra State Bill is an important one and no Telugu copies of the Bill have been supplied to Members who do not know English. Same is the difficulty in the case of Members who know only Tamil, Kanarese or Malayalam. Of course, many Members have not yet received even the English copies. I therefore request the Hon. Speaker to take note of this and arrange to supply us copies of the Andhra State Bill in the languages also. Then only will it be possible for us to discuss the Bill."